

Senate Resolution 1219

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Williams of the 19th and Grant of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Warden of the Year Ralph M. Kemp; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Warden Ralph M. Kemp is highly regarded by the citizens of this state and by
3 local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound
4 principles of law enforcement; and

5 WHEREAS, Warden Kemp served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
6 Georgia National Guard and has diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and
7 energy for over four decades to the correctional system of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of Lyons High School, Warden Kemp earned a bachelor's degree in
9 sociology from Georgia Southern University and has worked in correction facilities
10 throughout the State of Georgia in capacities such as counselor, assistant warden, deputy
11 warden, warden, regional director, and deputy commissioner; and

12 WHEREAS, he has worked for the last ten years as Warden of Wheeler Correctional Facility,
13 where he is responsible for the overall operation and supervision of one of the largest
14 facilities in Georgia, with a population of over 1,700 male inmates; and

15 WHEREAS, in recognition of his commitment and dedicated efforts to keeping Georgia's
16 correctional facilities safe, Warden Kemp was recognized as Warden of the Year by the
17 Corrections Corporation of America; and

18 WHEREAS, Warden Kemp is united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Molly, and
19 has been blessed with two remarkable children and three wonderful grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, he has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
21 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and effective
22 commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
24 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Warden Kemp and all
25 correctional facility officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend the selfless dedication exhibited by Warden Ralph M. Kemp in carrying out the
28 difficult duties of his vocation for over four decades, extend to him their utmost appreciation
29 for having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public servant, and
30 congratulate him on his recognition as Warden of the Year.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Warden Ralph M. Kemp.